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Chinese Communist Ships

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1. On 1 April 1955, the following Chinese Communist ships were observed at Shanghai:
- a. Three similar gunboats, each estimated at 500 tons, were observed at anchor near Woosung. Painted light grey, each mounted a gun at the bow and at the stern and a machine gun on the bridge.
 - b. Three landing craft, each estimated at 3,000 tons, were observed in the same vicinity. The landing craft, painted light grey, mounted two machine guns on each side of the deck and one machine gun on each side of the bridge.
 - c. The CHIEN SHE (1696/6080) No. 3 and the MIN SHENG (3046/3932) No. 2 were seen at the "F-22" buoy, both tankers apparently fully loaded.
 - d. An old broken-down landing craft of about 3,000 tons was observed at the "F-12" buoy, apparently tied up for repairs.
 - e. The JEN MIN (0086/3046) No. 10, a former landing craft now used as a freighter, was anchored between buoys "F-11" and "F-12". It was painted green and appeared empty.
 - f. Two freighters, estimated at 10,000 tons each, were under repair at the Hu Tung (3337/2639) Shipyard. Round turrets, the same as gun turrets aboard large landing craft, appeared to have been installed at the bow and at the stern of these freighters. Two other freighters were being repaired at this shipyard.
 - g. Eight new, identical gunboats were at the Hsin Hui Shan (2450/0565/1472) pier. Each gunboat, an estimated 300- 400 tons, mounted a small gun at the bow and a machine gun at the stern.
 - h. Eight landing craft, painted light grey, were lined up in two rows along the river bank near the Wai T'an (1120/3492) Park, downstream from the Pai Tu

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(4101/3256) Bridge.

1. About ten large barges were unloading sacks of rice at the pier next to the Kao Yang (7559/7122) Road. The rice sacks were marked with two green Chinese characters, Chung Liang (0022-4752), or China Food Supply.¹



3. Imported dyes and dangerous cargoes were stored in the warehouses next to the Mao Ch'ang (5399/2490) Cold Storage at the end of the Huang P'u (7806/3184) Road near the river and within the city limits.
4. To purchase a revenue stamp in Shanghai, one must obtain from the Post Office a three-inch by three-inch application form and return it completed. The form requires of the purchaser his name and address and the date of and the reason for purchase.

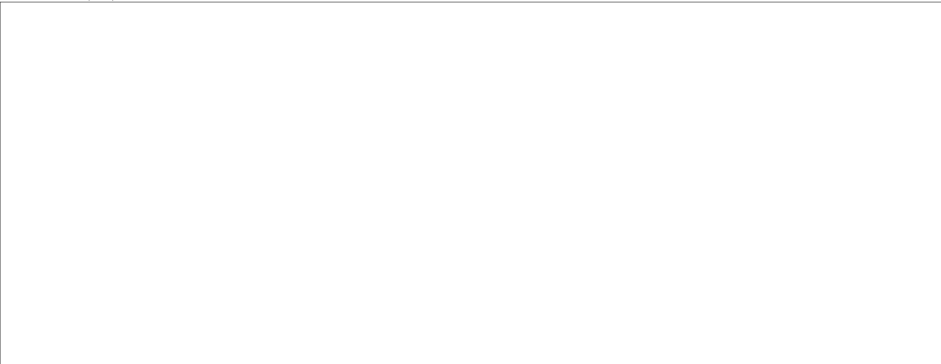


 Comment. From the pier, the rice was loaded in trucks and driven generally toward the railroad in the suburbs.

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